



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Draft Agenda

## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Room 102, State Capitol

Helena, Montana

Agenda items are subject to change

- 8:30 Call to Order -- Rep. Alan Olson, Chair**
- **Roll Call**
  - **September 16, 2003 Minutes**
- 8:35 Review of Significant Administrative Rules -- Todd Everts, ETIC Staff Attorney**
- 8:50 Update on NorthWestern Bankruptcy**
- **Response to Committee's Request for Information from State Officials Regarding Participation in Bankruptcy Proceeding -- Mary Vandenbosch, ETIC Research Analyst**
  - **Summary of Major Actions -- Bob Rowe and Al Brogan, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)**
  - **Discussion**
- 9:15 Transmission of Electricity -- Initiatives and Solutions**
- **RTO West -- Ted Williams, NorthWestern Energy**
  - **Western Interconnect -- Camden Collins, Western Interconnect, L.L.C..**
  - **National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Meeting -- Sen. Fred Thomas**
  - (additional speakers have been invited)
  - **Committee Discussion/Identification of Next Steps**
- 11:00 Break**
- 11:15 Transmission of Natural Gas, Including Coal Bed Natural Gas -- (speakers from NorthWestern Energy and Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company been invited)**

**12:15 Lunch**

**1:30 Universal System Benefits**

- Presentation of Background Information and Options -- ETIC Staff
- Public Comment
- Committee Discussion/Identification of Next Steps

**2:45 Break**

**3:00 Updates**

- **Governor's Energy Consumer Protection Task Force** -- Rep. Alan Olson
- **Environmental Quality Council Energy Policy Subcommittee** -- Todd Everts, Legislative Environmental Analyst
- **PSC** -- Chairman Bob Rowe
- **Other Activities** -- Staff and Members

**3:45 PSC Authority over Utility Transactions**

- **PSC Presentation** -- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- **Public Comment**
- **Committee Discussion/Identification of Next Steps**

**4:45 Public Comment on Matters within Committee's Jurisdiction**

**5:15 Other Business**

- **Budget**
- **Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting**
- **Confirm Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- **Instructions to Staff**

**5:30 Adjourn**

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[http://www.leg.state.mt.us/css/committees/interim/2003\\_2004/energy\\_telecom/default.asp](http://www.leg.state.mt.us/css/committees/interim/2003_2004/energy_telecom/default.asp)  
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